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Viewing cable 04BOGOTA12533, VIP PERSONAL PROTECTION PROGRAM STATUS REPORT

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Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
04BOGOTA12533	2004-11-02 18:31	2011-08-30 01:44	SECRET	Embassy Bogota

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SUBJECT: VIP PERSONAL PROTECTION PROGRAM STATUS REPORT
NOVEMBER 2004

Classified By: Classified By: Ambassador William B. Wood.
Reason: 1.4 (D)

1. (S/NF) The following VIP Personal Protection Status Report addresses the protection training program for President Uribe, the Vice President, the Minister of Defense, and the Mayor of Bogota.

2. (S/NF) Training:
--Chemical sensitive explosive detection devices, known as vapor tracers, have been issued to each of the Presidential Protection Details (PPD)
Prior to donation of these devices, five individuals from each protection detail participated in a one-day training seminar conducted by the manufacturer, General Electric.

--In November three VIP protection training courses were conducted for the the protective security details of the Vice President, Minister of Defense,

and the Mayor of Bogota. The two day refresher training included:
protection formations, motorcade operations, firearms safety, and practical shooting exercises.

13. (S/NF) Meetings:

--On November 2, 2004, VIP Personal Protection Security Advisors and RSO Mark Hunter met with Vice President Santos to discuss where the National VIP personal protection academy will be constructed. VP Santos identified the DAS basic academy as the best choice but requested this be discussed with Colombian National Police Commander, General Castro.

--On November 3, 2004, VIP Personal Protection Security Advisors and RSO Mark Hunter met with General Castro, Chief of Colombian National Police (CNP). General Castro briefed on the status of the VIP personal protection program. General Castro stated the urgent need for this training and a national academy. He requested that the CNP be given the opportunity to locate a police training base. As of this report the CNP have not been able to identify a suitable location for the academy.

--Presidential Protection Detail (PPD) - On November 2, 2004, VIP personal protection advisors and RSO Hunter met with Chief of President Uribe's security regarding general security issues as well as to introduce the newest VIP personal protection advisor, Dale Bulkley.

14. (S/NF) Vice Presidential Protection Detail (VPPD):

--On November 2, 2004, Lt Col. Jorge A. Restrepo, VPPD Security Coordinator provided Advisor Bulkley a familiarization tour of the VP offices as well as the VP Official residence. Lt Col Restrepo also identified several physical security deficiencies. A physical security survey will be conducted to determine what physical security upgrades can be accomplished with the limited funding available.

--On November 3, 2004, VIP Personal Protection Security Advisor Bulkley accompanied Lt.Col Restrepo to the VP's weekend residence located approximately 30 minutes outside of Bogot near the town of Tenjo. The weekend residence, is used frequently by the VP and his family.

--Major Gustavo Moreno, Shift Leader for the VP's protection detail reported that there have been problems with the most recently donated Level V armored vehicle, purchased from Blindcorp. He reported that while the VP was being driven in Bogota the car died and smoke began pouring into the vehicle from the engine. Blindcorp has been contacted to identify the problem and make necessary repairs. There have been other complaints about Blindcorp vehicles and post is looking into other armored vehicle companies as alternatives.

15. (S/NF) Minister of Defense Protection Detail (MODPD):

--A new Agent in Charge (AIC), Major Traslavina was assigned to MOD's security detail. The former AIC, Major Romero has been reassigned to Fort Benning, Georgia as a guest instructor for one year. Before Major Romero departed VIP Personal Protection Security Advisors met Romero and Major Traslavina, to conduct an "in briefing" on protective security issues and the mission of the VIP personal protection security program.
--Strobe light and siren packages have been installed on all police motorcycles assigned to the MOD's protective security detail. This has greatly enhanced safety of the MOD's motorcade operations.

--Over the next several months, the MOD will be rotating personnel from

the MOD's personal protective detail as part of their annual change of duty cycle.
The new protective security personnel for the MOD are scheduled for training in the second VIP Protection Course, beginning January 10, 2005.

16. (S/NF) Mayor of Bogot Protection Detail (MBPD):
--On November 9, 2004, courtesy call was made by VIP personal protection advisors to the Capt. Baron, the AIC of the Mayor's protection detail to introduce VIP personal protection advisor, Dale Bulkley.

--Level V armored vehicle is now in use by MBPD after sitting unused for several months due to registration and insurance issues.
WOOD

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